

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-17 were pending prior to entering this amendment. Claims 6, 7, 11, and 12 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Claims 6-9 and 11-14 have been amended. Claims 1-3, 5, 10, and 15-17 have been cancelled. New claims 18-22 have been added. Applicant requests allowance of the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 6, 7, 11, and 12 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant acknowledges the allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections

The examiner objected to claims 16 and 17 for informalities.

Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled, thus the objection is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the background of the present specification in view of Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,686).

Claims 6, 7, 11, and 12, amended to be independent claims, include allowable subject matter for at least similar reasons as indicated by the Office Action. Claims 8, 9, 13, 14, and 18-22, being dependent, should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Claims 1-3, 5, 10, and 15-17 have been cancelled.

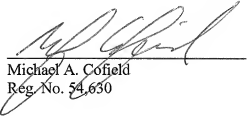
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application. The applicant encourages the examiner to telephone the undersigned if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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